



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Dear Rear Admiral Moore:

On behalf of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), I am writing to thank you, and all of the hardworking men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard 17th District, for all that you do to provide for the safety of the fishing fleet and providing enforcement necessary to ensure continued sustainability of the fishery resources off Alaska.

At its recent meeting, the Council received presentations on Operation North Pacific Guard and Foreign Military Activity in the Bering Sea and Arctic. The Council recognizes and appreciates the success of Operation North Pacific Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard 17th District's continued mission to serve and safeguard the public, protect the environment and its resources, and defend the nation's interests in the Alaskan maritime region. The Council notes that to effectively protect the environment, it is vital to detect and deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity in the North Pacific and to successfully prevent distribution of IUU seafood products and seafood fraud throughout the supply chain. Operation North Pacific Guard has successfully advanced the U.S. goals for the conservation and management of high seas fisheries resources and is a critical at-sea enforcement contribution to a multilateral effort by North Pacific Rim nations to eliminate IUU fishing activity from the North Pacific. We thank LCDR John Suckow and LCDR Jedediah Raskie for their presentations to the Council on these extraordinary efforts by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Council would also like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of CAPT Jason Brennell and LCDR Raskie to the Council process. Their ongoing participation and detailed reports have been extremely helpful and informative to the Council, particularly over the past two years when clear communication has been challenging. We greatly appreciate their service and continued participation in the Council process.

Thank you for the opportunity to recognize members of the U.S. Coast Guard 17th District for dedication to their mission, and to personally thank LCDR Suckow and LCDR Raskie for their clear and comprehensive presentations to the Council.

Sincerely,

Simon Kinneen
Chair